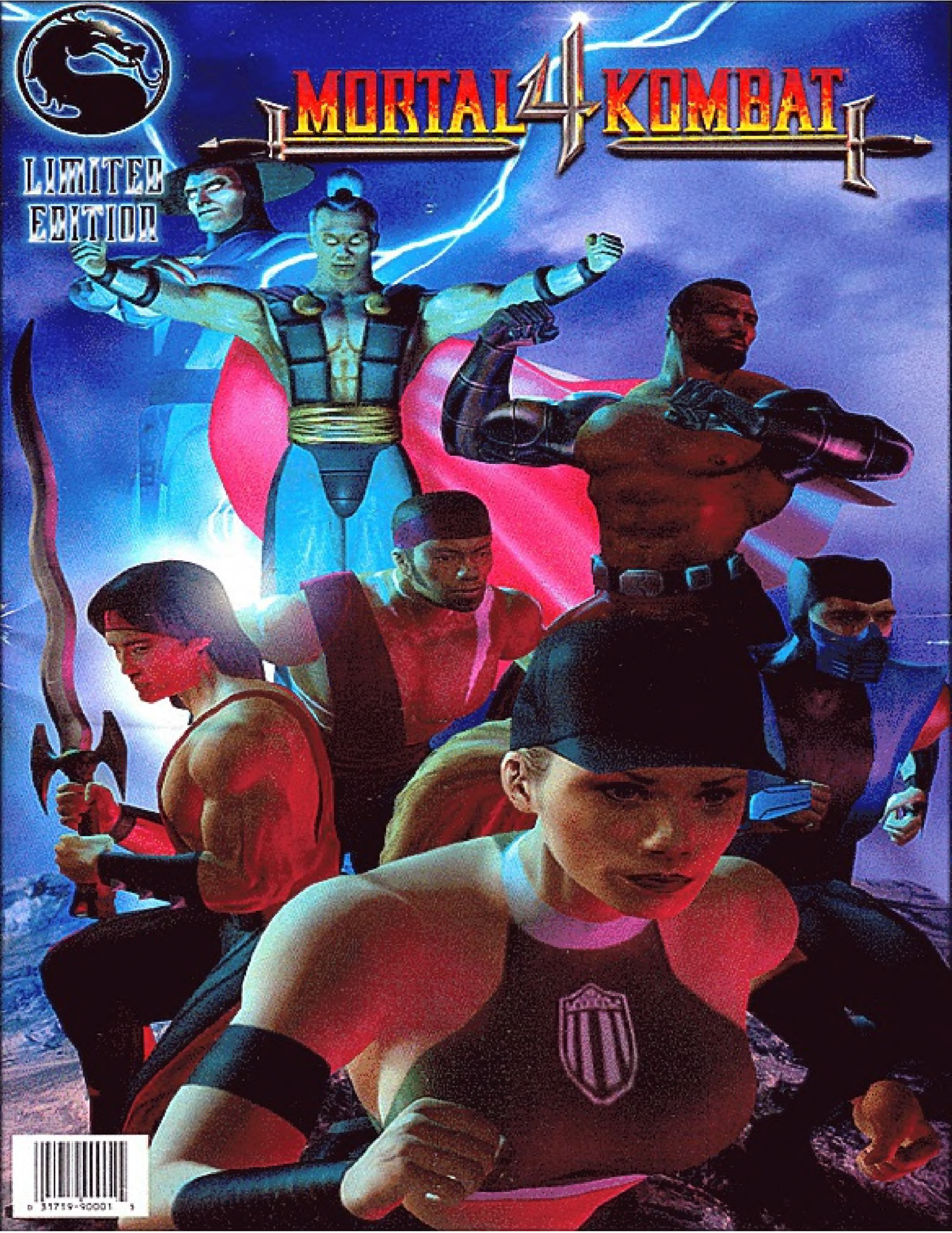




MORTAL KOMBAT

LIMITED
EDITION



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FOR CENTURIES, THE REALM OF EDENIA WAS SHROUDED IN DARKNESS, RULED BY THE VICIOUS EMPEROR SHAO KAHN. UNDER KAHN'S RULE, EDENIA BECAME KNOWN AS OUTWORLD, AND WAS HOST TO A TOURNAMENT CALLED MORTAL KOMBAT.

KAHN USED HIS MAGIC TO ENTRANCE THE REALM'S TRUE RULER, QUEEN SINDEL, AND FORCED HER TO GO ALONG WITH HIS EVIL PLANS. DURING THE LAST MORTAL KOMBAT TOURNAMENT, SINDEL REGAINED HER MEMORY AND ASSISTED IN THE DEFEAT OF SHAO KAHN, THEREBY FREEING EDENIA FROM HIS EVIL RULE.

ALONG WITH HER DAUGHTER, PRINCESS KITANA, QUEEN SINDEL WORKS TO REBUILD THE REALM OF EDENIA AND BRING TO JUSTICE THOSE WHO BETRAYED HER.

YOUR MAJESTY, THE TRAITOR REPTILE AWAITS YOUR SENTENCE.

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY BEFORE I MAKE MY DECISION?

YOUR WORDS HAVE NO POWER OVER ME. I AM PROUD TO HAVE SERVED SHAO KAHN.

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FOR YOUR CRIMES AGAINST THE REALM OF EDENIA, I SENTENCE YOU TO A LIFE OF HARD LABOR IN THE COBOLT MINES OF SHOKAN.

YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS SINDEL. I WILL DESTROY YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE.

AS REPTILE IS LED AWAY, THE AMBASSADOR TO NEW REALMS IS USHERED IN.



AMBASSADOR TO NEW REALMS, WHY DO YOU SEEK MY COUNSEL?



YOUR MAJESTY, MY DAUGHTER TANYA WAS CONTACTED BY ANOTHER REALM THAT IS BEING OPPRESSED BY AN EVIL RULER.

THEY SEEK YOUR WISDOM AND GUIDANCE.



YOU MAY APPROACH. I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOUR STORY.

THANK YOU, QUEEN SINDEL. I COME FROM THE REALM KNOWN AS TRECHE. WE WERE A PEACEFUL REALM KNOWN FOR OUR DEVOTION TO THE ARTS, UNTIL TWO YEARS AGO, WHEN TRECHE WAS INVADDED BY THE EVIL SORCERER SHIL KAAD. HE QUICKLY CONQUERED OUR PEOPLE AND FORCED US ALL INTO SLAVERY.



I'VE NEVER HEARD OF TRECHE OR OF THE SORCERER KAAD. IF YOUR REALM IS KNOWN FOR ITS ARTISTRY, WHY HAVE WE NEVER HEARD OF YOU?

WE ARE A QUIET PEOPLE, YOUR MAJESTY, BUT I HAVE BROUGHT YOU A GIFT MADE BY OUR MOST TALENTED ARTISAN.



IT'S SAID THAT YOU WILL SEE YOUR HEART'S DESIRE WHEN YOU GAZE UPON IT.



IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL. I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT.

I FEEL LIKE I COULD STARE AT IT FOREVER.



JUST AS I HAD PLANNED...

500 MILES TO THE SOUTH, IN THE CITY OF KLUTAN, PRINCESS KITANA ATTENDS A SUMMIT BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF THE SHOKAN AND CENTAURIANS. THE TWO RACES ARE STILL AT WAR, AND PRINCESS KITANA IS TRYING TO BRING THEM TO PEACE.



YOU STOLE
OUR LAND!

IT'S OUR
LAND!

FOUR-ARMED
FREAKS!

DON'T MAKE
ME RIDE YOU,
HORSE MAN!

STOP! LISTEN
TO ME! THIS WAR
MUST END! TOO MANY
LIVES HAVE ALREADY
BEEN LOST!

WE'VE
DEFEATED SHAO
KAHN, THERE MUST
BE PEACE AMONG
THE PEOPLE OF
EDENIA.

UNBEKNOWNST TO THE PARTICIPANTS BELOW, A MYSTERIOUS FIGURE WATCHES THE MEETING FROM A HIDING SPACE IN THE RAFTERS.

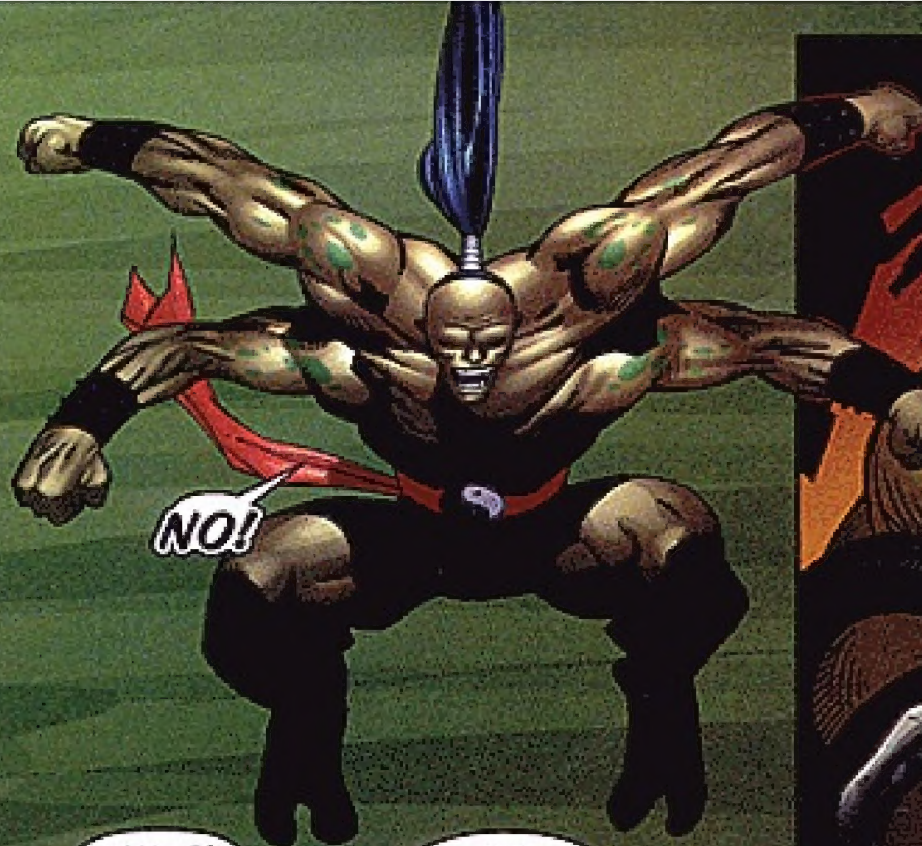


NEVER! SHAO KAHN PROMISED US THAT LAND.

QUEEN SINDEL DOES NOT HONOR THE PROMISES OF SHAO KAHN! IT IS ONLY RIGHT THAT EACH RACE BE ALLOWED TO LIVE IN THEIR HOMELAND.

YOU ARE NO BETTER THAN SHAO KAHN! I'VE HEARD ENOUGH...

WE WILL ABIDE BY YOUR QUEEN'S WISH FOR PEACE IF THE CENTAURIANS RETURN THE EASTERN LOWLANDS TO US.



NO!

WHA...?!
IT'S GORO!

BUT
GORO'S DEAD!
HE WAS KILLED
IN MORTAL
KOMBAT!



RAM

HIS DEATH
LED TO THE
WAR. IF HE'S
ALIVE, WHAT
DOES IT MEAN?



SILENCE!

SLAM

I HAVE BEEN IN
HIDING FOR MANY
YEARS, ASHAMED OF
MY DEFEAT IN MORTAL
KOMBAT AND UNWILLING
TO SERVE SHAO KAHN.
BUT SHAO KAHN IS
GONE, AND I AM BACK
TO TAKE MY FATHER'S
PLACE AS THE
LEADER OF THE
SHOKAN.

THIS WAR WILL END NOW! I WILL CRUSH
ANYONE WHO OPPOSES ME. DO ANY
OF YOU DARE TRY?

NO, GORO. YOU
ARE RIGHT, THE WAR
MUST END. WE WILL
GIVE UP THE EASTERN
LOWLANDS.

GORO!

THIS IS A GREAT DAY FOR EDENIA. QUEEN SINDEL WILL BE MOST PLEASED.

HOO-RAHH!

YEAH!

QUEEN SINDEL!

KRA-KOOOM!

PRINCESS! WATCH OUT!

LOOK! IT'S COMING FROM THE DIRECTION OF EDENIA'S CAPITAL CITY.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

OH NO! QUEEN SINDEL IS IN DANGER!

BACK IN QUEEN SINDEL'S CASTLE, THE ORB SHE WAS GIVEN HAS BEGUN TO TRANSFORM.

THE ORB HAS OPENED A PORTAL THAT ALLOWS SHINNOK TO ENTER EDENIA.

AT LAST, I'VE MADE IT TO THE REALM OF EDENIA.

SINDEL'S IMPERIAL GUARDS ARE NO MATCH FOR THE DEMONIC ONSLAUGHT.


AAAAA!

ARRGH!

ALONG WITH HUNDREDS OF DEMONS, REIKO AND SCORPION.

WELCOME TO EDENIA, SHINNOK. ONCE QUEEN SINDEL ACCEPTED THE ORB, YOUR PRESENCE WAS GUARANTEED. FOR THAT, WE HAVE TANYA TO THANK.

ENOUGH GUAN CHI! EDENIA IS JUST MY PASSAGEWAY OUT OF THE NETHERREALM.



MY GOAL HAS
ALWAYS BEEN TO REACH
INTO THE HEAVENS AND
CONFRONT THE
ELDER GODS.

NOW
I HAVE MY
CHANCE.

SEVERAL DAYS LATER ON EARTH, SUB-ZERO RETURNS TO CHINA TO THE ANCIENT TEMPLE OF THE ELEMENTS. THE TEMPLE'S LOCATION IS SECRET, BUT SUB-ZERO LEARNED HOW TO FIND IT FROM HIS OLDER BROTHER, THE ORIGINAL SUB-ZERO.



WHAT IS THE TEMPLE OF THE ELEMENTS?

THE TEMPLE OF THE ELEMENTS EXISTS TO PROTECT SHINNOK'S SACRED AMULET, THE AMULET THAT KEEPS HIM TRAPPED IN THE NETHERREALM.



IT'S PROTECTED BY THE FOUR ELEMENTS--WIND, EARTH, WATER, AND FIRE. AS LONG AS THE AMULET REMAINS ON EARTH, SHINNOK CANNOT ESCAPE THE NETHERREALM.

WHAT WAS HAPPENED HERE, BROTHER? I CAME HERE TO MAKE PEACE WITH THE GODS OF THE ELEMENTS THAT YOU FOUGHT, BUT THEY'RE ALL GONE. THE TEMPLE IS UNGUARDED.

WHAT IS THAT? MAYBE IT'S A SIGN, I'D BETTER CHECK IT OUT.





LET'S GO
KAI. WE'VE GOT
TO FIND OUT WHAT
HAPPENED.

YOU BOYS
GO BACK TO THE
TEMPLE AND TELL MY
GRANDFATHER THAT
WE'RE EXAMINING
WHAT FELL FROM
THE SKY.



LIU KANG AND KAI REACH
THE CRATER'S EDGE...

WHAT
IS IT?



...AND GAZE ON THE
HORRIFIC SCENE BELOW.



IN SHANGHAI, SONYA BLADE HAS TRACKED DOWN JAREK, THE LAST MEMBER OF THE BLACK DRAGON. SHE NO LONGER WORKS FOR U.S. SPECIAL FORCES BUT SONYA VOWED TO CAPTURE EVERY MEMBER OF THE BLACK DRAGON.



UH!

LUCKILY, HER MEMBERSHIP IN THE OUTERWORLD INVESTIGATION AGENCY ALLOWS HER TO GO TO PLACES SHE COULDN'T HAVE WHEN SHE WORKED FOR THE SPECIAL FORCES.

YOU BAD THE FIGHT ISN'T GOING HER WAY...



SCREW YOU, YOU WITCH! YOU MAY HAVE NAILED EVERYONE ELSE BUT YOU AIN'T GETTING ME.

UG!



ADIOS BLONDIE! YOU'RE LUCKY I DON'T KILL CHICKS.

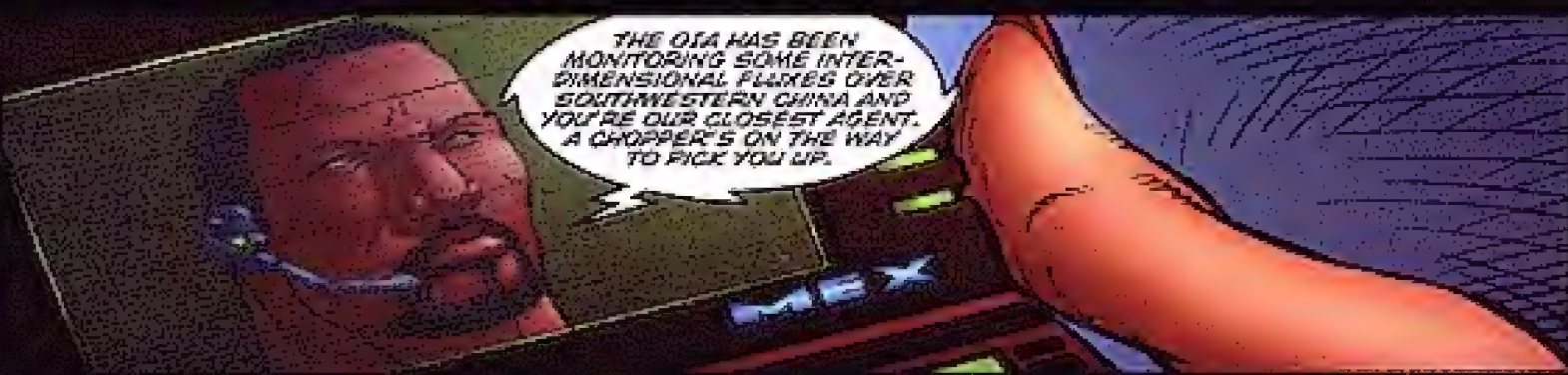
GOOD THING I LEFT MY BIKE HERE.

YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY THAT EASY.

ONE MORE SECOND...

COME IN, SONYA! THIS IS JAX!





BACK AT THE CRATER,
LIU AND KAI HAVE
THEIR HANDS FULL.

GET AWAY
FROM HIM!

WHAM!

LIU!
WATCH OUT!

THANKS KAI! I DON'T KNOW
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE BUT
IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT
OURSELVES A FIGHT.

KRACKLE!

KRACKLE!

KRACKLE!





RAYDEN!
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING HERE?

THESE DEMONS
ARE THE SERVANTS OF
SHINNOK AND THIS IS FUJIN,
THE GOD OF WIND. HE FELL
FROM THE HEAVENS WHILE
DEFENDING THE ELDER GODS'
ETERNAL PALACE FROM
SHINNOK'S ATTACK.

THE ELDER
GODS ARE UNDER
ATTACK?!



UHH. IT WAS A SNEAK
ATTACK. SOMEHOW HE
GAINED ACCESS BY
GOING THROUGH
EDENIA.

EDENIA.
THAT'S PRINCESS
KITANA'S WORLD.
I'VE GOT TO
HELP HER.

PATIENCE,
LIU.



FUJIN AND I ARE THE LAST OF
EARTH'S GODS AND THE ELDER
GODS HAVE BEEN WEAKENED
BY SHINNOK'S ATTACK.

IF WE'RE GOING TO
BE SUCCESSFUL, WE MUST
COORDINATE A PLANNED ATTACK.
FUJIN AND I WILL RETURN TO
THE ETERNAL PALACE AND BATTLE
SHINNOK'S FORCES. YOU GATHER
EARTH'S WARRIORS AND RETURN
TO EDENIA TO CONTINUE
THE FIGHT THERE.



WAIT!



KAL, THESE ARE MY FRIENDS
SONYA BLADE AND JOHNNY
CAGE.

HOW DID YOU
ARRANGE TO FLY A
U.S. SPECIAL FORCES
HELICOPTER INTO
CHINESE AIRSPACE?

I'M NOT WITH SPECIAL
FORCES ANYMORE. I JOINED
OUTERWORLD INVESTIGATION
AGENCY, AN INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATION THAT WAS
FORMED AFTER SHAO KAHN
ALMOST DESTROYED
EARTH.



MY TEAM
SHOULD BE ABLE
TO PROVIDE US
WITH INFORMATION.
WHAT DID YOU
SEE, LIU?



OH NOT MUCH.
JUST THE GOD OF WIND
AND A HALF-DOZEN DEMONS
CRASHING INTO THE EARTH.
CAN'T YOU FIGURE THAT
OUT WITH YOUR FANCY
GADGETS?

GOOD. BECAUSE WE'RE GOING
TO HAVE TO RETURN TO
EDENIA.

HOLD ON A
SECOND. I DIDN'T
SIGN ON FOR ANYTHING
LIKE THIS. I'VE GOT
TO GET BACK TO LA-
LA LAND.

WELL, PARTLY. I
WAS TOLD A PORTAL OPENED
IN THE SKY ABOUT TWO MILES
UP BUT AFTER OUR EXPERIENCE
IN OUTERWORLD, I'D BELIEVE
ANYTHING YOU SAY.




THIS ISN'T A
JOKE, JOHNNY. THE
ELDER GODS ARE UNDER
ATTACK BY THE RULER
OF THE NETHEREALM--
SHINNOK. RAYDEN SAID
WE WOULD ALL BE
NEEDED.






SUB-ZERO!




LIU'S RIGHT, SHINNOK IS EVIL INCARNATE. I THINK MY BROTHER, THE ORIGINAL SUB-ZERO, HAD SOME SORT OF AN ENCOUNTER WITH SHINNOK. IT MAY BE WHAT CAUSED THIS WHOLE THING.




IT'S UP TO US TO PUT AN END TO THIS.




I'M IN!



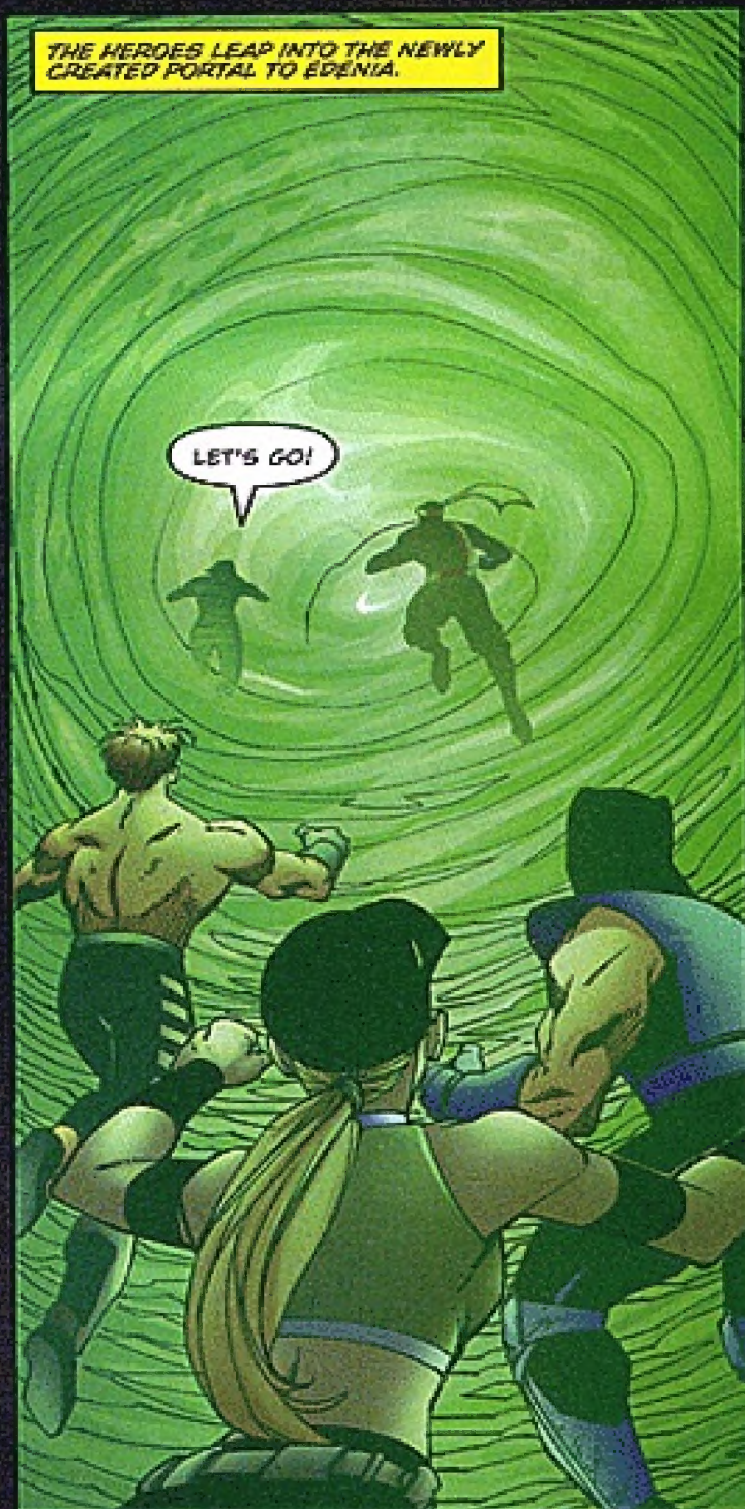
OH, ALL RIGHT. IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS GONNA WIN AN OSCAR OR SOMETHING.



LET'S DO IT! NOW WE'VE JUST GOT TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET TO EDENIA.



I CAN HELP OUT THERE. MY TEAM CAN CREATE A PORTAL THAT WILL ALLOW US TO REACH EDENIA.





WELCOME
HUMANS! WELCOME
TO A MORTAL KOMBAT
LIKE YOU'VE NEVER
SEEN BEFORE.

TO BE CONTINUED IN
MORTAL KOMBAT 4...